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## CONFIRMATION CLAIM FOR PRIORITY

Assistant Commissioner of Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The benefit of the filing date of the following foreign application filed in the following foreign country and priority provided in the 35 USC §119 have been claimed for the above-identified application:

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The priority document was filed in the parent case on May 5, 1999.

It is requested that the file of this application be marked to indicate that the requirements of 35 USC §119 have been fulfilled and that the Patent and Trademark Office kindly acknowledge receipt of these papers.

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